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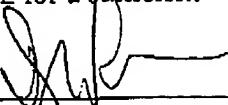
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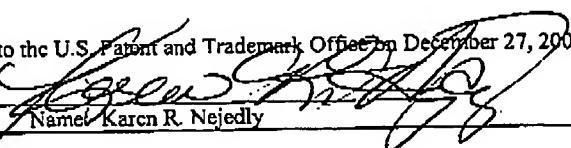
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In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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